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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT BY CODEL WOLFF CONCERNING MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

REF: (A) 76 STATE 6138; (B) 76 MEXICO 233.

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING ON JANUARY 10 WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. WHILE THE STATEMENT PURPORTED TO BE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION BY THE CONGRESSMEN, IT WAS INTRODUCED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN WHO MADE CLEAR THAT GOM WAS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT.
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THUS THE STATEMENT IN EFFECT ACQUIRED SOME OF THE

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CHARACTERISTICS OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. DESCRIPTION OF
THE MEETING AND FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S
IDEAS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT(AS READ BY CONGRESSMAN
WOLFF):
STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN LESTER L. WOLFF AND CONGRESSMAN
BENJAMIN A. GILMAN AT A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LUIS
ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO, JANUARY 10, 1976.
THE SPIRALING INCIDENCE OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE UNITED
STATES AND THE DEEP CONCERN OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
AND THE U.S. CONGRESS IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THIS
PROBLEM HAS PROMPTED OUR VISIT TO YOUR GREAT NATION.
PRESIDENT FORD, THREE WEEKS AGO, CALLED A MEETING OF A
U.S. CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE TO PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE
MEXICAN-UNITED STATES INTEREST IN ATTACKING THIS
CANCER WHICH THREATENS THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF THE
YOUTH OF OUR TWO NATIONS.
WE ATTACH GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CREATIVE PROPOSAL BY
PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA IN ESTABLISHING FOR THE FIRST
TIME FORMAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL EACH COORDINATE IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE
NARCOTIC REGULATORY, EDUCATIONAL, REHABILITATIVE AND
INFORMATIONAL AGENCIES WHICH WERE REPRESENTED IN THE
MEETING WE HELD WITH THE PRESIDENT TONIGHT.
THE PROPOSAL INITIATED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AND
CONTRIBUTED TO BY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR JOVA AND
MEXICO'S ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, WOULD LEAD
TO AN AGREED MECHANISM, INCLUDING A JOINT WORKING GROUP
THAT WOULD ALSO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOTH ORGANI-
ZATIONS IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT EFFECTIVE ACTION AND
COORDINATION OF ALL DRUG ABUSE RELATED ACTIVITIES.
THE SUCCESS OF OUR JOINT ENDEAVORS WILL BE MEASURED IN
RESULTS RATHER THAN RHETORIC, DERIVED ONLY FROM THE
ELIMINATION OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS AND, ULTIMATELY, THE ERADICATION OF DRUG ABUSE
BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
SEEKING TO OVERCOME THE MENACE OF NARCOTIC TRAFFIC THAT
CONFRONTS OUR TWO NATIONS, MY COLLEAGUE, CONGRESSMAN
GILMAN, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTER-
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NATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND I, HAVE UNDER-
TAKEN THIS VITAL MISSION OF EXCHANGING IDEAS, VIEWS AND
INFORMATION WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERN-
MENT.

IN OUR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HE HAS DEMON-
STRATED HIS LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVE SUPPORT AND CONCERN
IN FINDING A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THIS DREADFUL PROBLEM

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CONFRONTING BOTH OF OUR NATIONS.
THIS MEETING THIS EVENING IS A CULMINATION OF A SERIES
OF CONFERENCES WE HAVE ENGAGED IN AT ALL LEVELS OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.
BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, THE
PLANS OUTLINED HERE MUST BE IMPLEMENTED WITH ALL
POSSIBLE SPEED. THIS IS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN THE
SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN.
MY COLLEGUE, MR. GILMAN, AND I WILL BE TAKING BACK A
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO PRESIDENT
FORD AND TO THE U.S. CONGRESS. THE PERSONAL COMMITMENT
OF THE PRESIDENT, AND ALL OF US HERE TONIGHT, THAT OUR
PLANS BECOME A REALITY, WE CONSIDER A PRIME MISSION.
MR. GILMAN AND I WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD UPON OUR
RETURN TO HELP IMPLEMENT OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE.
WE THANK PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA FOR THE COOPERATION
EXTENDED TO US BY YOUR OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES IN MAKING
THIS A PRODUCTIVE, MOMENTOUS MISSION, WITH A SPECIAL
WORD OF THANKS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TO THE SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHOSE STAFFS HAVE
BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE, AS WELL AS TO THE ASSISTANCE OF
THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND DR. DU PONT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DRUG ABUSE.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE BECAUSE WITH OUR
UNITED EFFORTS, WE CANNOT FAIL.
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